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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

SUBJECT: North Vietnamese Problems with
The French Press Since Your
25 January Speech

In the attached memo, Director Helms reports that your speech revealing the secret initiatives has caused difficulties for the North Vietnamese in dealing with the French Press.

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- Your lifting of the veil of secrecy surrounding the private negotiations has caused some loss of the confidence among French readers.
- Although one French correspondent continues to try to present the North Vietnamese side, most of the other French correspondents are now defending the American point of view.

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